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SUBJ JAPAN'S SOYBEAN SUPPLIES, JULY-OCT 1973

RE TOKYO 8480 AND 8573

1. ABOVE REFTELS INDICATE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN PRIVATE JAPANESE AND MIN OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (MAF) ESTIMATES OF JAPAN'S OCT 31 STOCKS OF SOYBEANS. KANTO FEDERATION OF SOYBEAN TRADERS AND CRUSHERS CONCLUDED AT JULY 4 MEETING STOCK LEVEL OCT 31 WILL BE 120,000 TO 160,000 TONS. VICE MIN KAMENAGA PROVIDED PRELIMINARY MAF ESTIMATES INDICATING OCT 31 DEFICIT OF 10,000 TONS DURING JULY 5 MEETING.

2. MAY DEL IN WASHINGTON JULY 3-11 TOLD FAS/W JULY 1 SOYBEAN STOCKS TOTALED 523,000 TONS, SOYBEAN IMPORTS FROM US JULY THROUGH OCT UNDER ALLOCATION SYSTEM WILL TOTAL 600,000 TONS, IMPORTS FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHINA 76,000 TONS. THUS, TOTAL SUPPLIES JULY-OCT 1,199,000 TONS.

REQUIREMENTS PLACED AT 300,000 TONS PER MONTH (230,000 CRUSH,
70,000 FOOD) OR 1,200,000 TONS FOR JULY-OCT, THUS OCT 31 STOCKS
WOULD BE NIL.

3. REQ BEST ATTACHE OFFICE ESTIMATES OF SUPPLY SITUATION. PLEASE
DO NOT CLASSIFY YOUR ESTIMATES. RUSH

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